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#### IRREVERSIBLE OR IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENTS OF RESOURCES

Implementation of any of the alternatives would limit potential future uses of the land and resources to some extent. Irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources occur when a range of future options are foreclosed.

The proposed RMP (Alternative C) would result in the following irreversible or irretrievable commitments of resources.

#### Wildlife

Wildlife habitat would be modified on transferred lands converted to other uses. This would benefit some species and adversely affect others. These areas would be committed for the foreseeable future.

#### Livestock Forage

Grazing preference lost from conversion of transferred lands to other uses would be lost for the foreseeable future. Forage on lands retained in Federal ownership would be totally committed, with no potential to mitigate losses of forage due to disposal. In areas of nonstructural range improvements (vegetation manipulation), land and vegetation would be committed for the lives of the projects.

#### Lands

Transfer of lands from Federal ownership would result in a loss of administrative control for all resource values except mineral values and rights-of-way on those parcels.

## Wilderness

Nondesignation of the Shale Butte, Little Deer, Bear Den Butte, and Shoshone WSAs and subsequent human developments, such as range improvements,

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road construction, ORV use, and utility development, could result in a loss of wilderness values in those areas for the foreseeable future.

### Recreation

Designation of the Raven's Eye and Sand Butte WSAs would result in a loss of motorized recreation opportunities in these areas for the foreseeable future. Changes in recreation opportunity spectrum classes toward the more facility-dependent classes, such as from primitive to semi-primitive motorized, would result in a loss of the opportunities associated with the less facility-dependent classes in the affected area for the foreseeable future.

### Soils

Soil losses associated with the various management actions would be irreversible and irretrievable. However, new soil would develop naturally at a very slow rate.

#### <u>Minerals</u>

Designation of the Raven's Eye and Sand Butte WSAs would result in a loss of opportunities to develop new mining claims and leases for the foreseeable future.

#### CHAPTER 5

## CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

The Draft Monument Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) was prepared by an interdisciplinary team with expertise in range management, wildlife, recreation, lands, wilderness, economics, soils, water-shed, cultural resources, minerals and energy, fire management, and fire ecology. The list of preparers is at the end of this chapter.

Writing of the draft RMP/EIS began in October 1983. However, the planning process began in March 1981 with issue identification and the other steps of the planning process. Consultation and coordination with agencies, organizations, and individuals occurred in a variety of ways throughout the planning process. A special effort has been made to ensure that the proposed RMP is consistent with approved plans of local and State government.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### **Key Dates**

March 19, 1981	Notice of Intent to Prepare Resource Management Plan published in <u>Federal</u> <u>Register</u> .
April 13, 1981	News release issued announcing issue identification.
April 15, 1981	Mail out sent to 590 agencies, organizations, groups, and individuals. Five public meetings were announced for issue identification.
April and May 1981	Meetings held with the following City (Town) Councils and County Commissions: Shoshone, Hazelton, Dietrich, Paul, Rupert, Gooding, Jerome, Wendell, Gooding County, Lincoln County, Jerome County, Blaine County, Minidoka County, and Power County.
	Meetings were also held with various livestock grazing associations.
April 15, 1981	Issue identification meeting with Shoshone District Advisory Council.

April 28, 1981	Public meeting in Jerome, Idaho for issue identifi- cation. Seventeen individuals attended.
April 29, 1981	Public meeting in Rupert, Idaho for issue identifi- cation. Twenty-eight individuals attended.
May 4, 1981	Public meeting in Twin Falls, Idaho. Fourteen people attended.
May 5, 1981	Public meeting in Carey, Idaho. Five people attended.
May 12, 1981	Public meeting in Shoshone, Idaho. Nine people attended.
A total of 64 people attended public meetings and 89 written responses were received as a result of the meetings and mail out on issue identification.	
August 1, 1981	A summary of the issues was mailed to 600 individuals and organizations.
December 1981 and	
January 1982	Meetings were held with livestock user groups and individuals concerning selective management categories. A letter was sent to each permittee seeking their concerns with the proposed categorization.
October 18, 1982	Draft planning criteria were sent to 600 individuals and organizations. A total of fifteen responses received.
January 17, 1983	Planning criteria were approved and sent to 600 individuals and organizations.
February 9, 1983	A meeting was held with the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Land Use Commission and BIA at Fort Hall.
April 25, 1983	A RMP Newsletter was sent to 600 individuals and organizations explaining the general guidelines for alternative development. Fifteen responses were received as a result of this newsletter.
August 31, 1983	A second newsletter was sent to 600 organizations and individuals detailing the proposed alternatives.
November 10, 1983	Shoshone District Advisory Council discussed the alternatives in the RMP/EIS.
May 11, 1984	Beginning of public comment period. Publication of Notice of Availability of the draft RMP/EIS.
June 20,1984	Public hearing in Shoshone to receive testimony on the wilderness suitability recommendations in the draft RMP/EIS and on the adequacy of the draft EIS.

July 25, 1984

Shoshone District Advisory Council made recommendations on the draft.

August 9, 1984

Close of public comment period.

During the entire process, there have been numerous meetings and discussions with various agencies, Indian tribes, organizations, and individuals.

#### Public Review

The following is a list of agencies, organizations, and individuals to whom the Draft Monument RMP/EIS was sent.

## Federal Agencies:

Department of Agriculture
Soil Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization Service

Department of Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Geological Survey
Fish and Wildlife Service
National Park Service
Bureau of Reclamation

Department of Defense
Corps of Engineers

Department of Energy
Bonneville Power Administration

Wood River Resource Conservation and Development Committee

## State of Idaho Agencies:

Bureau of Mines
Office of Energy
Department of Lands
Department of Fish and Game
Parks and Recreation
Department of Transportation
Department of Health and Welfare
Department of Water Resources
State Clearinghouse
Historical Society
State Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Agriculture
Region IV Development Assn.

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Butte County
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Power County

Soil Conservation Districts

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City of Hagerman
City of Gooding
City of Dietrich
City of Richfield
City of Eden
City of Hazelton
City of Paul
City of Wendell

City of Jerome City of Shoshone

City of Rupert

City of Minidoka

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